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SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN VIET-NAM

1. FOLLOWING IS REUTERS DESPATCH FROM WASHINGTON DATED  
APRIL 2:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT IS  
RELEASING TWO AMERICANS WHO WERE DETAINED WHEN UNITED  
STATES PERSONNEL WERE EVACUATED FROM SAIGON EARLY LAST  
YEAR, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN SAID TODAY. PARA  
THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEMOCRAT SAID THE VIETNAMESE MISSION IN  
PARIS HAD INFORMED HIM BY CABLE THAT JAMES KLASSEN, A  
MISSIONARY, AND JOSEPH BRICKMAN, WHO WAS OTHERWISE  
UNIDENTIFIED, WOULD BE RELEASED. PARA  
THE TWO MEN WILL BE FLOWN BACK TO THE UNITED STATES TODAY,  
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HE SAID. PARA

THE SENATOR SAID SOUTH VIET-NAM'S FOREIGN MINISTER, MADAME NGUYEN THI BINH, HAD ASSURED HIM WHEN HE WAS IN SAIGON IN JANUARY THAT THE TWO MEN WOULD BE RELEASED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.

2. ACCORDING TO SENATOR MCGOVERN'S OFFICE, THE TWO MEN REPORTEDLY WILL LEAVE SAIGON BY AIR ON APRIL 7, RATHER

THAN "TOMORROW." WE UNDERSTAND KLASSEN TO BE A MENNONITE REPRESENTATIVE AND BRICKMAN TO BE A PRIVATE TRAVEL AGENT IN SAIGON. KISSINGER

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